

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 10-17 and 19-27 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 10, 12 and 13 are amended for the Examiner's consideration. The amendments are not narrowing amendments, as discussed in more detail below. The Abstract is also amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the Amendment: (a) places the application in better condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise previously presented issues requiring further search and/or consideration by the Examiner because these arguments were previously considered by the Examiner and thus further consideration and/or search by the Examiner is not warranted; and (c) responds to formal matters set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 2 and 19-27 are allowed. Applicants further appreciate the indication that claims 12-17 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract was objected to for an informality. The Abstract is now amended in order to eliminate disclosure to a method. Applicants believe that the Abstract complies with all formalities and request withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Objection to Claims

Claims 10 and 13 were objected to. Applicants have amended claim 10 to a form similar to claim 19, as requested. These amendments are not made for reasons of patentability and are made for form to comply with the Examiner's request. Claim 13 is amended to depend from claim 12. Applicants thus request withdrawal of the objections to the claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,733,491 issued to Grosset, et al. ("Grosset"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 10 is amended to include features of claim 12. That is, claim 10 now recites, in part, a plurality of nozzle grooves in communication with the second passage so that the second synthetic resin of a predetermined ratio covers a surface of the product. This feature is not shown in Grosset. Instead, Grosset shows a plurality of dies arranged in a liner fashion to form a distribution channel. A first portion 74 of the distribution channel is a passageway in which the second plastics material flows relatively fast, while its second portion 76 is of a section that ensures that the flow therein is slower. The first portion leads directly into the flow path of the resin as shown in Figure 2, for example. Grosset does not show a plurality of nozzle grooves.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10 and 11 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection over claims 10 and 11 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter. However, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below,

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if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

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